

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) An automated computer implemented method for ~~interpreting~~ identifying applicable provisions in codes, said method of identifying comprising:

selecting a rules system by a computer such that codes are represented in a form corresponding to a particular type of analysis to be performed on said codes, wherein said rules system includes one of fuzzy rules, if-then-else-rules and declarative rules, and wherein said codes comprise natural language text of one of laws, policy statement, contract provisions, agreements, regulations, rules of association, constitutions, and codes of conduct;

mapping said codes to target rules representing said codes based on said selected rules system by said computer, by one of:

transforming a logical structure of said codes to target rules using grammar and syntax of said selected rules system; and

populating a template of generated target rules with data from said codes based on said selected rules system;

wherein said codes comprise natural language text of any one of laws, policy statements, contract provisions, agreements, regulations, rules of association, constitutions, and codes of conduct, and wherein a target rule technology is selected of a representation of said codes using a rule system, said rule system including one of fuzzy rules, if-then-else rules, and declarative rules;

applying evaluation functions to said target rules ~~that represent said codes~~ by said computer, to identify applicable provisions of said codes $[[:]]_1$, wherein a first evaluation function comprises one user's perspective of said codes $[[:]]_1$, and wherein a second evaluation function comprises a triggering event relating to said codes;

identifying applicable provisions of said codes based on said first and second evaluations by said computer, wherein said applicable provisions of said codes match said first and second evaluation functions as applied to said target rules; and

~~providing for said one user's use~~ outputting said applicable provisions of said codes by said computer.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein said applicable provisions of said codes comprise classification codes used for classifying said provisions provided in said document.

18-29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) A program storage ~~device~~ medium readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to perform an automated method for ~~interpreting~~ identifying applicable provisions in codes, said method comprising:

selecting a rules system by a computer such that codes are represented in a form corresponding to a particular type of analysis to be performed on said codes, wherein said rules system includes one of fuzzy rules, if-then-else-rules and declarative rules, and wherein said

codes comprise natural language text of one of laws, policy statement, contract provisions, agreements, regulations, rules of association, constitutions, and codes of conduct;

mapping said codes to target rules representing said codes based on said selected rules system by said computer, by one of:

transforming a logical structure of said codes to target rules using grammar and syntax of said selected rules system; and

populating a template of generated target rules with data from said codes based on said selected rules system;

~~wherein said codes comprise any of laws, policy statements, contract provisions, agreements, regulations, rules of association, constitutions, and codes of conduct, and wherein a target rule technology is selected of a representation of said codes using a rule system, said rule system including one of fuzzy rules, if the else rules, and declarative rules;~~

applying evaluation functions to said target rules that represent said codes by said computer, to identify applicable provisions of said codes[[:]], wherein a first evaluation function comprises one user's perspective of said codes[[:]], and wherein a second evaluation function comprises a triggering event relating to said codes;

identifying applicable provisions of said codes based on said first and second evaluations, wherein said applicable provisions of said codes match said first and second evaluation functions as applied to said target rules; and

providing for said one user's use outputting said applicable provisions of said codes by said computer.

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wherein said applicable provisions of codes comprise classification codes used for classifying
said provisions provided in said document.

32-41. (Canceled).